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OVERVIEW OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND STRATEGIC DIRECTION IN INFORMATION AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

The next gift [printing press] would radically change how knowledge was recorded and disseminated. It would also change the nature of knowledge itself, how it could be used, and how many people could have access to it. . . . This gift would break up the monolithic social structure of Christendom and diffuse control outward to many peripheral centers of power. This was possible because, at a stroke, the new gift also increased the number of changemakers. [Page 122]

The effect of the introduction of the computer was to create new kinds of data, bring into existence new kinds of activity, and encourage organizations of all kinds to expand and, above all, to diversify. [Page 283]

James Burk and Robert Ornstein,
The Axemaker's Gift,
P. G. Putnam's Sons, 1995

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